

**TABLE 7. PERCENT OF POPULATION IN AGE GROUPS, KINSTON AND URBAN NORTH CAROLINA, 1940-1950**

Age Groups	All Classes								
	Kinston			Urban N.C.2/			Entire state		
	Percent			Percent			Percent		
	1940	1950	chg.1/1940	1940	1950	chg.	1940	1950	chg.
Under 5	8.2	11.5	3.3	8.0	11.0	3.0	10.5	12.3	1.8
5 to 9	7.8	9.0	1.2	8.3	8.6	0.3	10.7	10.6	-0.1
10 to 14	9.1	7.7	-1.4	9.2	7.2	-2.0	11.2	9.4	-1.8
15 to 19	10.0	7.0	-3.0	10.2	7.8	-2.4	11.3	9.0	-2.3
20 to 24	11.1	8.3	-2.8	11.0	9.8	-1.2	10.0	8.8	-1.2
25 to 29	10.6	9.5	-1.1	10.6	9.7	-0.9	8.8	8.4	-0.4
30 to 34	9.3	8.6	-0.7	9.1	8.4	-0.7	7.3	7.4	0.1
35 to 39	7.7	8.1	0.4	8.0	8.0	-	6.4	7.1	0.7
40 to 44	6.5	6.8	0.3	6.5	6.9	0.4	5.3	6.0	0.7
45 to 49	5.0	5.9	0.9	5.2	5.9	0.7	4.6	5.0	0.4
50 to 54	4.3	5.1	0.8	4.3	4.9	0.6	3.9	4.3	0.4
55 to 59	3.2	3.6	0.4	3.2	3.6	0.4	3.1	3.4	0.3
60 to 64	2.7	2.9	0.2	2.4	2.8	0.4	2.4	2.7	0.3
65 or over	4.5	5.8	1.3	4.1	5.4	1.3	4.4	5.6	1.2

1/ Change between 1940 and 1950.

2/ For 1950 both the old and new definitions of urban were used. No significant differences were observed; 0.2 percent lower percentages were found in the three age groups 14 years and under, under the old definition revealing a slightly higher percent of children in the urban fringe areas.

Source: U. S. Bureau of the Census.

thirty-five. Although there was indeed some outmigration of younger people, much of the proportional decreases was brought about by the increase in the number of individuals under five and 65 and over. People in the age group 10 to 20 in 1950 were born between 1930 and 1940, a period during which the birth rates dropped all over the United States. This largely accounts for the large proportional decrease in this age group in the population.

The changes that took place in Kinston between 1940 and 1950 brought the proportionate distribution of the various age groups remarkably close to the percent distribution of the age groups in the population of all urban North Carolina. In other words, as of 1950 the age distribution in Kinston was typical of urban North Carolina.

Unless the fertility rate drops beneath any that have prevailed since 1946, future population will almost certainly have a younger average age than is now the case. Table 10 furnishes a classification of the 1970 and 1980 populations of Kinston according to age groups. The number of persons in each age group are taken from estimates made by the U. S. Bureau of the Census for the United States as a whole. Fertility rates used in these estimates are made with the assumption that they will not fall below those that have existed